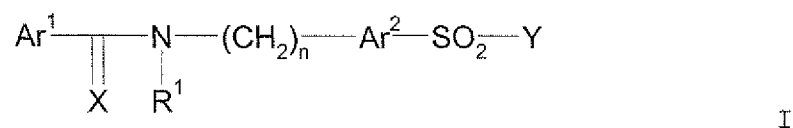


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A sulfonamide compound according to formula I



with its geometrical isomers, in an optically active form as enantiomers, diastereomers, as well as in the form of racemates, as well as pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein

Ar<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thienyl, furanyl, pyridyl, and optionally substituted by substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl, amino, acylamino, aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxycarbonyl, aryl, carboxyl, cyano, halo, hydroxy, nitro, sulfonyl, sulfoxy, acyloxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> thioalkoxy;

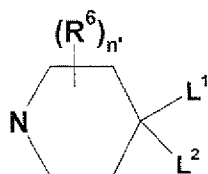
Ar<sup>2</sup> is selected from the group consisting of thienyl, furanyl, and pyridyl;

X is O or S;

$R^1$  is hydrogen or a  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl group, or  $R^1$  forms a substituted or unsubstituted 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated ring with  $Ar^1$ ;

$n$  is an integer from 0 to 5;

$Y$  is a piperidino group of the formula



wherein

$L^1$  and  $L^2$  are independently selected from the group consisting of H, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkynyl, and substituted or unsubstituted cyclic  $C_4$ - $C_8$ -alkyl optionally containing 1-3 heteroatoms and optionally fused with aryl or heteroaryl; or  $L^1$  and  $L^2$  are independently selected from the group consisting of substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl, aryl- $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl, heteroaryl- $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $-C(O)-OR^3$ ,  $-C(O)-R^3$ ,  $-C(O)-NR^{3'}R^3$ ,  $-NR^{3'}R^3$ ,  $-NR^{3'}C(O)R^3$ ,  $-NR^{3'}C(O)NR^{3'}R^3$ ,  $-(SO)R^3$ ,  $-(SO_2)R^3$ ,  $-NHSO_2R^3$ , and  $-SO_2NR^{3'}R^3$ ,

with  $R^3$  and  $R^{3'}$  being substituents independently selected from the group consisting of H, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or

unsubstituted heteroaryl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl-  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, and substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-  
alkyl;

said aryl or heteroaryl groups being optionally  
substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-  
alkynyl, amino, acylamino, aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl,  
aryl, carboxyl, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, sulfonyl,  
sulfoxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-thioalkoxy; and

R<sup>6</sup> is selected from the group consisting of  
hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, substituted  
or unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, OH, halogen, nitro, cyano,  
sulfonyl, and oxo (=O); and

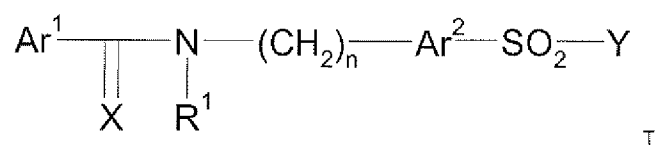
n' is an integer from 0 to 4;

with the proviso that if Ar<sup>1</sup> is 4-chlorophenyl, then  
X is O, R<sup>1</sup> is H, Ar<sup>2</sup> is thienyl, and Y is not para-substituted  
by 2-hydroxyethyl;

wherein the term "substituted" means that the group  
that is substituted is substituted with from its 5  
substituents, said substituents being a group selected from  
the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl aryl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>  
alkyl heteroaryl; C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl; C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl; primary,  
secondary or tertiary amino groups; quaternary ammonium  
groups; acyl; acyloxy; acylamino; aminocarbonyl;  
alkoxycarbonyl; aryl; heteroaryl; carboxyl; cyano; halogen;

hydroxyl; mercapto; nitro; sulfoxy; sulfonyl; alkoxy, thioalkoxy; and trihalomethyl.

2. (Currently amended) A composition comprising a sulfonamide compound according to formula I



with its geometrical isomers, in an optically active form as enantiomers, diastereomers, as well as in the form of racemates, as well as pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein

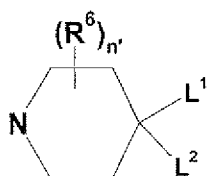
X is O or S;

Ar<sup>1</sup> and Ar<sup>2</sup> are a substituted or unsubstituted aryl or heteroaryl group;

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl group, or R<sup>1</sup> forms a substituted or unsubstituted 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated ring with Ar<sup>1</sup>;

n is an integer from 0 to 5;

Y is a piperidino group of the formula



wherein

$L^1$  and  $L^2$  are independently selected from the group consisting of H, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkynyl, and substituted or unsubstituted cyclic  $C_4$ - $C_8$ -alkyl optionally containing 1-3 heteroatoms and optionally fused with aryl or heteroaryl; or  $L^1$  and  $L^2$  are independently selected from the group consisting of substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl, aryl- $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl, heteroaryl- $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $-C(O)-OR^3$ ,  $-C(O)-R^3$ ,  $-C(O)-NR^{3'}R^3$ ,  $-NR^{3'}R^3$ ,  $-NR^{3'}C(O)R^3$ ,  $-NR^{3'}C(O)NR^{3'}R^3$ ,  $-(SO)R^3$ ,  $-(SO_2)R^3$ ,  $-NHSO_2R^3$ , and  $-SO_2NR^{3'}R^3$ ,

with  $R^3$  and  $R^{3'}$  being substituents independently selected from the group consisting of H, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl- $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl, and substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl- $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl;

said aryl or heteroaryl groups being optionally substituted  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkynyl, amino, acylamino, aminocarbonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxycarbonyl, aryl, carboxyl, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, sulfonyl, sulfoxy, or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -thioalkoxy; and

$R^6$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy, OH, halogen, nitro, cyano, sulfonyl, and oxo (=O); and

$n'$  is an integer from 0 to 4;

~~with the proviso that if Y is substituted at the  $\beta$ -position of the piperidino nitrogen by a benzo[5,6]cyclohepta[1,2b]pyridine, or a benzo[5,6]cyclohept[3,4]ene [1,2b]pyridine, while  $Ar^2$  is thienyl, X is oxygen,  $R^1$  is hydrogen and n is 1,  $Ar^1$  shall not be a phenyl group,~~

and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

#### 3-4. (Cancelled)

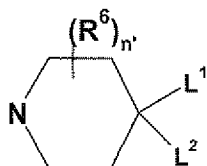
5. (Previously Presented) A sulfonamide compound according to claim 1, wherein  $Ar^1$  is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thienyl, furyl, pyridyl, and optionally substituted by  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkynyl, amino, acylamino, aminocarbonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxycarbonyl, aryl, carboxyl, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, sulfonyl and  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -thioalkoxy.

6. (Previously Presented) A sulfonamide compound according to claim 5, wherein  $\text{Ar}^1$  is an unsubstituted or substituted phenyl.

7. (Previously Presented) A sulfonamide compound according to claim 5, wherein  $\text{Ar}^2$  is thienyl or furanyl group.

8. (Previously Presented) A sulfonamide compound according to claim 1, wherein  $\text{Ar}^1$  is selected from the group consisting of a 4-chlorophenyl, nitrophenyl, hydroxyphenyl, alkoxy phenyl, pyridyl, 3,4,-dihydroxyphenyl, and X is O,  $\text{R}^1$  is hydrogen, n is 1,  $\text{Ar}^2$  is thienyl or furanyl.

9. (Previously Presented) A sulfonamide compound according to claim 8, wherein Y is



$(\text{R}^6)$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$  alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$  alkoxy, OH, halogen, nitro, cyano, sulfonyl, and oxo;  $n'$  is an integer of from 0 to 4; and

wherein  $L^1$  and  $L^2$  are independently selected from each other from the group consisting of H, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkenyl; or  $L^1$  and  $L^2$  are independently selected from the group consisting of substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl, substituted or unsubstituted cyclic  $C_4$ - $C_8$  alkyl optionally containing 1-3 heteroatoms and optionally fused with aryl or heteroaryl, aryl- $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, heteroaryl- $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $-C(O)-OR^3$ ,  $-C(O)-R^3$ ,  $-C(O)-NR^{3'}R^3$ ,  $-NR^{3'}R^3$ ;  $-NR^{3'}C(O)R^3$ ,  $-NR^{3'}C(O)R^3R^3$ ,  $-(SO)R^3$ ,  $-(SO_2)R^3$ ,  $-NHSO_2R^3$ , and  $-SO_2NR^{3'}R^3$ ;

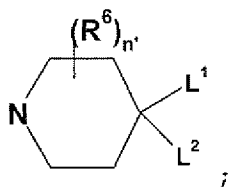
with  $R^3$  and  $R^{3'}$  being substituents independently selected from the group consisting of H, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl- $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl- $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl;

said aryl or heteroaryl groups being optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkynyl, amino, acylamino, aminocarbonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxycarbonyl, aryl, carboxyl, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, sulfonyl, sulfoxy and  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -thioalkoxy.



**10. (Previously Presented)** A sulfonamide compound according to claim 9, wherein  $R^6$  is H,  $L^2$  is H,  $L^1$  is a 5-membered cyclic group containing 3 heteroatoms or  $L^1$  is  $-C(O)-R^3$ , or  $-NHR^3$ ;

wherein Y is



$n'$  is an integer of from 0 to 4;

with  $R^3$  being a substituent selected from the group comprising or consisting of  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl- $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl and heteroaryl- $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl;

said aryl or heteroaryl groups being optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy, nitro, or sulfonyl.

**11. (Currently amended)** A sulfonamide compound according to claim 1, selected from the group consisting of:

4-chloro-N-{5-[4-(3-trifluoromethanesulfonyl-phenylamino)-piperidine-1-sulfonyl]-thiophen-2-ylmethyl}-benzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(4-fluorobenzoyl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-hydroxy-4-phenylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

N-({5-[(4-benzoylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}-4-chlorobenzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-({5-[(4-benzylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}-4-chlorobenzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(2,4-difluorobenzoyl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

4-chloro-N-{[5-(piperidin-1-ylsulfonyl)thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

4-chloro-N-{[5-({3-hydroxy-4-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-hydroxypiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

N-({5-[(4-benzyl-4-hydroxypiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}-4-chlorobenzamide;

N-{[5-({4-[(2-tert-butyl-1H-indol-5-yl)amino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl)methyl}-4-chlorobenzamide;

4-chloro-N-([5-({4-[(phenylacetyl)amino]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

N-([5-([4-(2H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-2-yl)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide;

4-chloro-N-([5-([4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-([5-({4-[benzyl(methyl)amino]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide;

4-chloro-N-([5-({4-[3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

~~4-chloro-N-([5-([4-(5-thien-2-yl-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;~~

4-chloro-N-([5-([4-(2,3,4,5,6-pentamethylbenzoyl)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

4-chloro-N-([5-({4-[5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-3-yl]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

N-([5-([4-anilinopiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide;

4-chloro-N-([5-([4-(2-phenylethyl)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-([5-([4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide;

2-{1-[(5-{[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl}thien-2-yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}-2H-1,2,3-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

methyl 1-{1-[(5-{[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl}thien-2-yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}-1H-1,2,3-benzotriazole-5-carboxylate;

methyl 1-{1-[(5-{[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl}thien-2-yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}-1H-1,2,3-benzotriazole-6-carboxylate;

methyl 2-{1-[(5-{[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl}thien-2-yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}-2H-1,2,3-benzotriazole-5-carboxylate;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(6-chloro-1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(7-aza-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide;

1-{1-[(5-{[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl}thien-2-yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}-1H-1,2,3-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-{1-[(5-{[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl}thien-2-yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}-1H-1,2,3-benzotriazole-6-carboxylic acid;

N-[(5-{[4-(2-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(9H-purin-9-yl)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide;

4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-{6-nitro-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-{5-nitro-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(2H-1,2,3-triazol-2-yl)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide;

4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[3-propylanilino]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[3-(dimethylamino)anilino]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

methyl 3-({1-[(5-{[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl}thien-2-yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}amino)-benzoate;

4-chloro-N-({5-({4-[3-(methylsulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-{3-nitroanilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(2-methoxyanilino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

3-({1-[(5-{[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl}thien-2-yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}amino)benzamide;

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4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(4-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-{2-nitroanilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

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N-[(5-{[4-(3-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(3-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(3-methoxyanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[3-(methylsulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}benzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(2-aminoanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(2-hydroxyanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(4-hydroxyanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(3-toluidino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(3-tert-butylanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(2-propylanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

~~4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[(2,2-dioxido-1,3-dihydro-2-benzothien-5-yl)amino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}benzamide;~~

~~4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-ylamino)piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;~~

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(4-propylanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-({3-nitropyridin-2-yl}amino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-{[5-({4-[(3-aminopyridin-2-yl)amino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl)methyl}-4-chlorobenzamide;

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4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(3-ethylanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

~~4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-ylamino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;~~

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(quinolin-5-ylamino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(quinolin-8-ylamino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

4-nitro-N-({5-[4-{3-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;



N-[(5-{[4-(2,4-difluorobenzoyl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-nitrobenzamide;

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3-nitro-N-{[5-({4-[3-(methylsulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}benzamide;

3-nitro-N-{[5-({4-[3-(methylsulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}benzamide;

methyl 3-{[1-({5-[(3-nitrobenzoyl)amino]methyl}-thien-2-yl)sulfonyl]-piperidin-4-yl}amino}benzoate;

N-{[5-({4-[3-(aminocarbonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-3-nitrobenzamide;

3-nitro-N-({5-[(4-{3-nitroanilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

3-nitro-N-[(5-{[4-(2-methoxyanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

3-nitro-N-({5-[(4-{2-nitroanilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(4-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;

3-nitro-N-({5-[4-  
[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl)benzamide;

N-{[5-({4-[4-(aminocarbonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(3-propylanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(3-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-nitrobenzamide;

4-nitro-N-[(5-{[4-(3-methoxyanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-{[5-({4-[3-(dimethylamino)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-nitrobenzamide;

4-nitro-N-[(5-{[4-(3-propylanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

4-nitro-N-{[5-({4-[3-(methylsulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

4-nitro-N-{[5-({4-[3-(methylsulfanyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

methyl 3-{[1-({5-[(4-nitrobenzoyl)amino)methyl]-  
thien-2-yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}amino}benzoate;

3-{[1-({5-[(4-nitrobenzoyl)amino)methyl]thien-2-  
yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}amino}benzamide;

4-nitro-N-({5-[(4-{3-nitroanilino}piperidin-1-  
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

4-nitro-N-[(5-{[4-(2-methoxyanilino)piperidin-1-  
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

4-nitro-N-({5-[(4-{2-nitroanilino}piperidin-1-  
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(4-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-  
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-nitrobenzamide;

4-nitro-N-({5-[(4-{4-  
[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-  
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

N-{[5-({4-[4-(aminocarbonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-  
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}-4-nitrobenzamide;

N-({5-[(4-anilinopiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-  
yl)methyl}-3-nitrobenzamide;

N-({5-[(4-anilinopiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-  
yl)methyl}-4-nitrobenzamide;

3-nitro-N-[(5-{[4-({3-nitropyridin-2-  
yl}amino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

~~N-([5-([4-((2,2-dioxido-1,3-dihydro-2-benzothien-5-yl)amino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;~~

~~N-([5-([4-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-ylamino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;~~

3-nitro-N-([5-([4-(2-propylanilino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

3-nitro-N-([5-([4-(4-propylanilino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-([5-([4-(3-tert-butylanilino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;

3-nitro-N-([5-([4-(2-phenylethyl)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

4-nitro-N-([5-([4-(pyrimidin-2-ylamino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-([5-([4-((3-aminopyridin-2-yl)amino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-nitrobenzamide;

4-nitro-N-([5-([4-((3-nitropyridin-2-yl)amino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

~~N-([5-([4-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-ylamino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-nitrobenzamide;~~

4-nitro-N-([5-([4-(2-propylanilino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

4-nitro-N-[(5-{[4-(4-propylanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(3-tert-butylanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-nitrobenzamide;

4-nitro-N-[(5-{[4-(2-phenylethyl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(2-aminoanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;

3-nitro-N-[(5-{[4-(pyrimidin-2-ylamino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-{[5-({[4-[(3-aminopyridin-2-yl)amino]piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;

N-({[5-[(4-{2-nitro-4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(3-ethylanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;

~~3-nitro-N-[(5-{[4-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-ylamino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;~~

N-[(5-{[4-(2,4-difluorobenzoyl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(2,4-difluorobenzoyl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;

2-Hydroxy-N-({5-[(4-{3-  
[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-  
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-  
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-  
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-2-hydroxybenzamide;

3-methoxy-N-[(5-{[4-(3-methoxyanilino)piperidin-1-  
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-{[5-({4-[3-(dimethylamino)anilino]piperidin-1-  
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;

3-methoxy-N-[(5-{[4-(3-propylanilino)piperidin-1-  
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

3-methoxy-N-{[5-({4-[3-  
(methylsulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-  
yl)methyl}benzamide;

3-methoxy-N-{[5-({4-[3-  
(methylsulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-  
yl)methyl}benzamide;

methyl 3-({1-[(5-{[(3-methoxybenzoyl)amino]-  
methyl}thien-2-yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl)amino}-benzoate;

N-{[5-({4-[3-(aminocarbonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-  
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;

3-methoxy-N-[(5-{[4-(2-methoxyanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-({5-[(4-{3-nitroanilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}-3-methoxybenzamide;

N-({5-[(4-{2-nitroanilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}-3-methoxybenzamide;

N-{[5-({4-[4-(aminocarbonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(3-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(4-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;

3-methoxy-N-({5-[(4-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

3-methoxy-N-({5-[(4-{3-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

N-({5-[(4-anilinopiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}-3-methoxybenzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(4-hydroxyanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(2-hydroxyanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;

3-methoxy-N-[(5-{[4-(pyrimidin-2-ylamino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-{[5-({4-[(3-aminopyridin-2-yl)amino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl)methyl}-3-methoxybenzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-({3-nitropyridin-2-yl}amino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;

~~N-{[5-({4-[(2,2-dioxido-1,3-dihydro-2-benzothien-5-yl)amino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl)methyl}-3-methoxybenzamide;~~

~~N-[(5-{[4-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-ylamino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;~~

3-methoxy-N-[(5-{[4-(2-propylanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

3-methoxy-N-[(5-{[4-(4-propylanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(3-tert-butylanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;

3-methoxy-N-[(5-{[4-(2-phenylethyl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(3-ethylanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;

~~3-methoxy-N-[(5-{[4-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-ylamino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;~~



N-[(5-{[4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carboxamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3,4-dihydroxybenzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]pyridine-2-carboxamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(hexyloxy)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;

N-[(5-{[4-(heptanoylpiperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(3-propylanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}-2-furyl)methyl]benzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(3-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}-2-furyl)methyl]benzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(3-methoxyanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}-2-furyl)methyl]benzamide;

4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[3-(trifluoromethyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)-2-furyl)methyl]benzamide;

4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[3-(dimethylamino)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)-2-furyl)methyl]benzamide;

4-chloro-N-({5-({4-[3-(methylsulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl}-2-furyl)methyl}benzamide;

4-chloro-N-({5-({4-[3-(methylsulfanyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl}-2-furyl)methyl}benzamide;

methyl 3-({1-[(5-[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl)-2-furyl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}amino)benzoate;

3-({1-[(5-[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl)-2-furyl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}amino)benzamide;

4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-{3-nitroanilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]-2-furyl)methyl}benzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(2-methoxyanilino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]-2-furyl)methyl}benzamide;

4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-{2-nitroanilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]-2-furyl)methyl}benzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(4-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]-2-furyl)methyl}benzamide;

4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]-2-furyl)methyl}benzamide;

N-({5-({4-[4-(aminocarbonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl}-2-furyl)methyl}-4-chlorobenzamide;

4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-{3-  
[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]-2-  
furyl)methyl}benzamide; and  
N-({5-[(4-anilinopiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]-2-  
furyl)methyl}-4-chlorobenzamide.

**12. (Previously Presented)** A sulfonamide compound according to claim 11, which is selected from the group consisting of:

4-chloro-N-({5-([4-(2,4-difluorobenzoyl)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

N-({5-[(4-anilinopiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}-4-chlorobenzamide;

N-({5-([4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}-4-chlorobenzamide;

N-({5-([4-(1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}-4-chlorobenzamide;

4-chloro-N-({5-([4-[3-propylanilino]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

4-chloro-N-({5-([4-(4-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

4-nitro-N-({5-([4-(3-methoxyanilino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}benzamide;

methyl 3-{[1-({5-[(4-nitrobenzoyl)amino)methyl]thien-2-yl)sulfonyl)piperidin-4-yl]amino}benzoate;

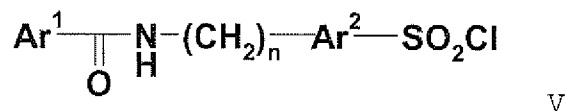
N-[(5-{[4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-2-hydroxybenzamide; and

N-({5-[(4-{2-nitroanilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl}-3-methoxybenzamide.

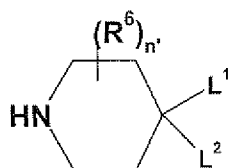
13-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition containing at least one sulfonamide compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient.

21. (Previously Presented) Process for the preparation of a sulfonamide compound according to claim 1, comprising reacting a sulfonyl chloride according to formula V



with an amine according to formula VIII



VIII

whereby

n is an integer of from 0 to 5,

n' is an integer of from 0 to 4,

R<sup>6</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, OH, halogen, nitro, cyano, sulfonyl and oxo;

L<sup>1</sup> and L<sup>2</sup> are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, and substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl; or L<sup>1</sup> and L<sup>2</sup> are independently selected from the group consisting of substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl, aryl- C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, heteroaryl- C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted cyclic C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl optionally containing 1-3 heteroatoms and optionally fused with aryl or heteroaryl, -C(O)R<sup>3</sup>, -C(O)OR<sup>3</sup>, -C(O)-NR<sup>3'</sup>R<sup>3</sup>, -NR<sup>3'</sup>R<sup>3</sup>, -NR<sup>3'</sup>C(O)R<sup>3</sup>, -NR<sup>3'</sup>C(O)R<sup>3'</sup>R<sup>3</sup>, -(SO)R<sup>3</sup>, (SO<sub>2</sub>)R<sup>3</sup>, NHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup> and SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>3'</sup>R<sup>3</sup>;

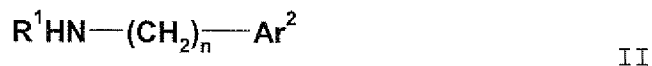
with R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>3'</sup> being substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl, substituted or

unsubstituted aryl- C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl and substituted or  
unsubstituted heteroaryl- C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl;

said aryl or heteroaryl groups being optionally  
substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>  
alkynyl, amino, acylamino, aminocarbonyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxycarbonyl,  
aryl, carboxyl, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, sulfonyl,  
sulfoxy and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> thioalkoxy.

**22. (Previously Presented)** A process according to  
claim 21, wherein said sulfonyl chloride of formula V is  
obtained by

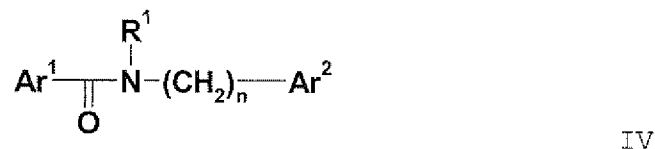
a) coupling an amine of formula II:



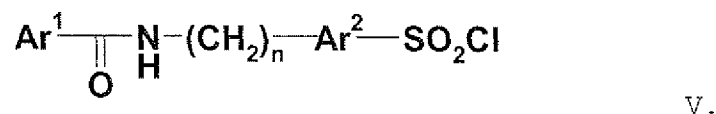
with an acyl chloride of formula III:



to provide an amide of formula IV:



b) sulfonating the amide of formula IV to provide  
the sulfonyl chloride of formula V



23-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Presented) The sulfonamide compound according to claim 1 wherein n is an integer of from 1 to 3.

28. (Previously Presented) The sulfonamide compound according to claim 27 wherein n is 1.

29. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 2 wherein n is an integer of from 1 to 3.

30. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 29 wherein n is 1.

31. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 2 wherein n is 1 or 2.

32-34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously Presented) The sulfonamide compound according to claim 5 wherein the C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group is trihalomethyl.

36-41. (Cancelled)